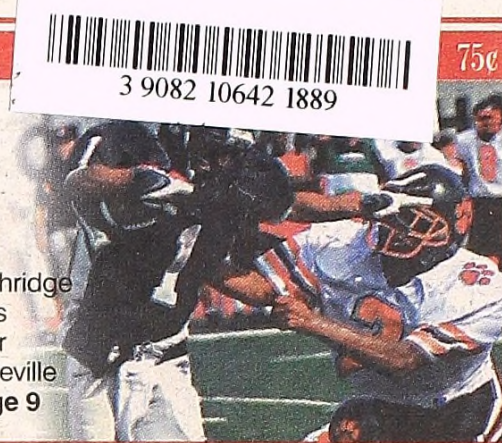


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City nixes apartment zoning change

 Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A request to rezone a 4.69-acre parcel of land to accommodate a proposed apartment complex fell apart amid traffic and other concerns.

Peggy Frankie, the director of development firm Liberty Hill, said the planning commission, and eventually the city council, denied the change in zoning because they didn't want another apartment complex — or apartment dwellers — in the city.

"The apartment complex would have one, two and three-bedroom apartments, which would bring more families into the city," Frankie said during a final pitch at the regular city council meeting Monday night. "Not everyone can afford the \$200,000 homes that are being built. This would give families a segue into the community."

Liberty Hill is a development firm that finds housing, builds homes and works with

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Councilman Leroy Burcroff

financiers to ease handicapped and low-income individuals into homeownership. The Villages of Romulus is a proposed 25-unit apartment complex that Frankie hoped would be constructed on Ecorse Road between Wayne and Henry Ruff roads.

The parcel of land is currently zoned for single-family residential purposes.

Frankie said she believed several factors

justified the re-zoning, including the fact that Romulus Public Housing has a backlog of low income applicants seeking placement in the city system, and the fact that no multi-housing permits have been granted in the city since the early 1990s.

"We believe the apartments would be a good alternative for families," she said.

Councilman Leroy Burcroff, the city representative on the planning commission, said the commission recommended to reject the re-zoning was based on several factors.

"We have nothing against this project," he said. "It's just where they want to put it. There's already a lot of traffic in that area, and it doesn't fit in with the overall master plan for that area."

Another factor that influenced the commission vote is the belief that there are enough apartment units within the city.

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Magna may still build

 Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus officials may be able to salvage the seemingly doomed Magna project after all.

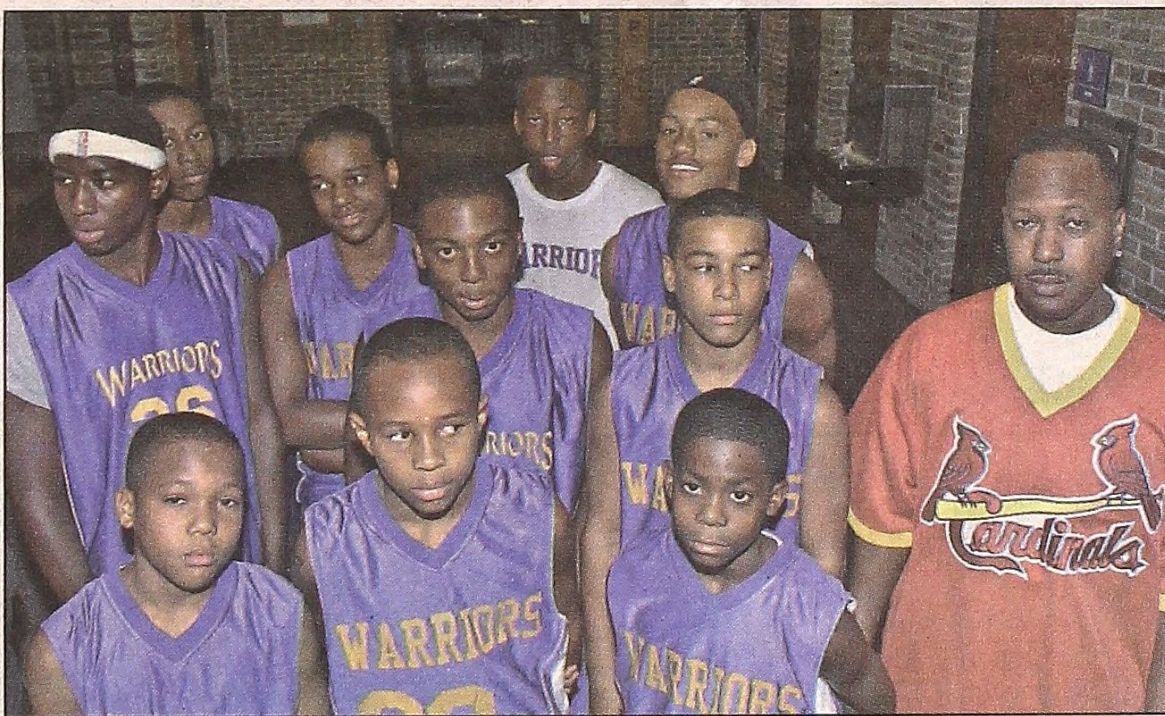
Mayor Alan Lambert said Magna officials — who for three years had been working with the city on a plan for a horseracing track only to pull out of the deal two weeks ago — have expressed a desire to build another project on the land.

"We're going to meet about it," Lambert said. "I cannot speculate about what type of development it will be — I'll know more about that after we discuss the possibilities."

Magna Entertainment, which is based in Canada, backed out of building a \$100 million racing facility when they informed the State Office of Racing Commissioner that they would no longer seek a racing permit for a Romulus location. The announcement came as a surprise to city officials, even though Magna had announced larger than expected quarterly losses days before it abandoned the project.

Now, Lambert thinks the fact Magna officials want to talk means some sort of development is possible.

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Champs

The Romulus Middle School Warriors came home with a big prize from the American youth Basketball Tournament in Ft. Wayne, Ind., recently. The team, coached by Brian Smith (far left, in red), won the seventh grade divisional championship after defeating several teams from throughout the United States. Smith and his team appeared at a Romulus City Council meeting Monday to receive kudos from city officials.

Storms brings city few troubles

 Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Few problems with flooding or infrastructure were reported when rain pummeled Southeast Michigan last week.

Tom Wilson, director of Romulus Public Services, said one gas station reported flooding, but the department received no other serious calls during the storms.

"The gas station flooding was

"Two of the pumps had to be shut down, but other than that, Romulus is in good shape — we didn't have the kinds of problems other cities had."

Tom Wilson

not severe enough to close the station," said Wilson. "Two of the pumps had to be shut down, but other than that, Romulus is in

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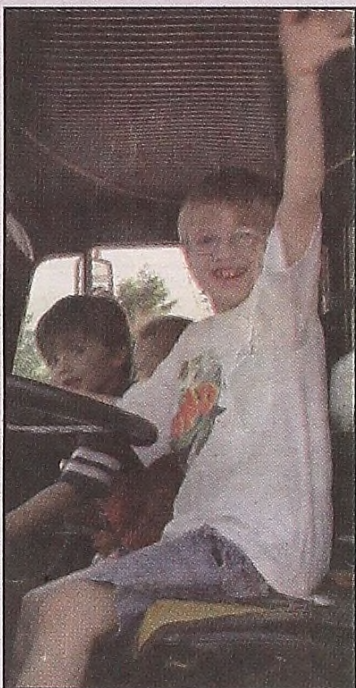
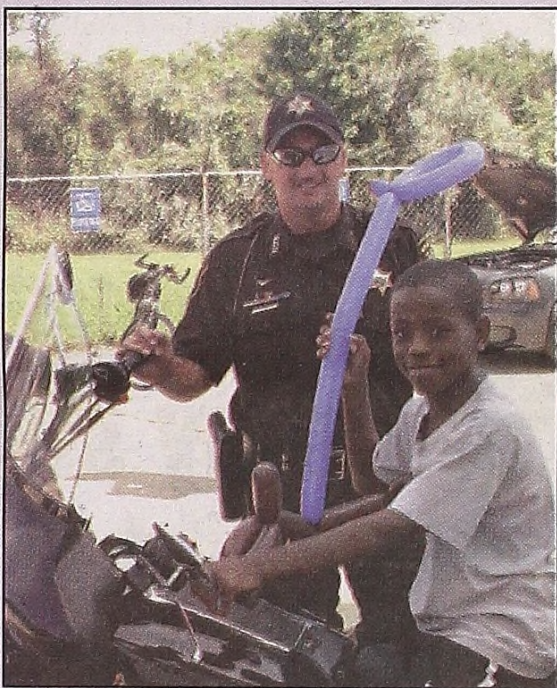
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Family fun

The Wayne County Community College District continuing education division recently hosted a 'Family Fun Day' at the western campus. More than 300 people enjoyed the second annual event, including: a magic show; a live bat show provided by the Bat Conservation Program of Michigan; the Bookworm Club; a simulated smoke room and dunk tank provided by the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department; arts and crafts; face painting and balloon art by Carrie Clowns; a reading and movie room; a live DJ and refreshments.



Plant promises new jobs

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

A new automotive project will soon bring more jobs to Van Buren Township.

Township Board of Trustees members approved an industrial development district and a tax abatement agreement recently for Wellington Industries.

Susan Ireland, assessment coordinator of Van Buren Township, said the company took over a General Motors project slated for a West Virginia competitor. Wellington will qualify for a seven-year tax abatement for personal property.

Blaise Flack, of Wellington Industries, said the project will launch the Chevrolet Malibu in January of 2008.

"It's (Malibu) a solution to rising fuel," he said. "We chose here—instead of our Georgia facility—because the township is capable and better suited. The project will include a stamp press to produce the GMX386 metal products. This will eventually allow us to bring in more workforce."

Flack said an additional 52 jobs, both skilled and un-skilled, would come to Van Buren Township. Salaries will range from \$12 per hour for unskilled labor and \$35 per hour for skilled laborers.

"The press will be used 40 percent to allow 60 percent to go out and seek additional business, in turn, additional jobs," said Flack.

Township Supervisor Cindy King said Wellington is proposing a \$3.4 million investment.

"The project is coming outside of Michigan, but Wellington is an existing business in the township," she said. "Fifty-two jobs coming in during these economic times is certainly something nice to see."

Wellington currently has no tax abatements within the township. The total will be about \$161,000 for all the taxes during the seven years, officials said.

Residents did have concerns with the project air quality, noise, job hires and taxes.

"The concern is that those jobs are there because we need them," said Paul White.

"We don't go into production until 2008 so we don't have all 52 employees yet. There are a number of employees that have been hired for this project, but we'll start hiring over the next three to four months," said Flack.

"I don't know how many of you have looked at the tax bills lately from the county, but they're going up," said Charles Tackett. "I welcome Wellington, but I'm getting tired of this, that and the other when I look at my tax bill I'm about to pay."

Treasurer Sharry Budd said the Wayne County tax rate is the same, however, the collection time has changed.

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Cemetery fee increases are temporarily put to rest

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus officials met about a grave issue Monday.

Council members and city administrators met in a short study session at the municipal cemetery to plot changes at the grounds and revise the cost of burials.

The seven-member body met with City Clerk Linda Choate at Romulus Memorial Gardens on Shook and Tobine roads to learn more about some of the issues at the cemetery, and to further discuss an increase in fees.

However, when the council convened at city hall later that

evening, the decision was temporarily put to rest when they tabled a vote on the proposed increases in favor of meeting one more time about conditions at the cemetery.

"We just had this meeting... I still think there's more to talk about," said Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear. "I think we need more time to discuss this."

Councilman William Wadsworth said the city could vote on Choate's proposal to increase fees, but later conceded the council needed to dig a little deeper and thoughtfully consider all of the issues at the cemetery.

Addressing needs — and fees — was brought to the table Aug.

13 by Choate, who researched grave opening and plot prices charged by other municipal cemeteries. She discovered that the city was undercharging for the service, and that the city was taking a loss because prices have not been adjusted since 1981.

During the past 26 years, prices for maintenance, and the cost of having city public service workers open a grave, have increased.

Choate recommended the city increase the price of a plot from \$225 to \$500. She also recommended increasing the grave opening cost by \$200 each. Currently, the price for grave openings on Monday through

Friday is \$725. On Saturday, the cost is set at \$925, and holidays cost \$1,125. Those prices were set in 1990.

Opening and closing costs for the burial of infants has gone largely unchanged since 1981 because it only takes one public service employee to bury a child, and the council felt in 1990 that raising rates would be prohibitively expensive for young families.

Other municipalities are charging \$500 or \$600 for a single plot, according to city research.

The cemetery is one of the oldest fixtures in the city. Gravestones date back to the Civil War era. Some headstones

are sinking into the ground, obliterating dates and words on the stones unless the grass is cut shorter than usual.

Those aspects of the cemetery do require some extra consideration apart from the fees, Gear said.

"We would like to see if some of the community groups can go out there and do some work," he said. "We want to do what ever we can to preserve (the cemetery). It's our history."

Any increases to costs at the cemetery will have to be approved by a majority vote of the council.

Another study session was scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 24.

News in brief

Cooking classes cover the basics

The Romulus Department of Recreation is offering an eight-part class designed to cover all aspects of meal preparation for those interested in learning about cooking.

The Culinary Training Program is for people interested in increasing their kitchen knowledge, and is taught by award-winning Master Chef Chuck Usztics Jr., who also helms the cooking program at Romulus High School.

Students may sign up for the entire series of eight classes or on a class-by-class basis if they have a specific area of interest. The class descriptions are:

- Sept. 26: Sanitation, cutting boards, knives, and vegetable preparation
- Oct. 3: Breakfasts
- Oct. 10: Desserts
- Oct. 17: Soups
- Nov. 7: Sauces
- Nov. 14: Sautéing on a hot stove
- Nov. 28: Pasta
- Dec. 5: Your choice (Examples: Pies, Christmas dinner including turkey)

Equipment, knives, utensils, hair nets, apron and food will be provided. Students must be 18 years or older to participate. All classes are from 6 until 9 p.m. Wednesdays at the Eagle's Nest in the Romulus High School.

For more information, contact the Romulus Recreation Department at (734) 941-8665. The cost is \$300 for all eight classes, \$40 for a single class.

"Parade of Lights" seeking applicants

The ninth Annual Romulus Parade of Lights is seeking floats to participate in the annual fall event.

The parade takes place in conjunction with the Romulus Pumpkin Festival, and is organized by the Romulus Rotary. This year, the parade will be Sept. 14.

Organizers are once again seeking applications for entries in three different areas: commercial, non-commercial and non-motorized.

Those interested in participating can find applications, criteria, and rules on line at www.romulusrotary.org, or they can be picked up at city hall or at the Romulus Public Library, both located on Wayne Road in Romulus.

Units

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According to city estimates, about 20 percent of the city housing stock is composed of apartment units, and another 2 percent is comprised of mobile homes.

"There's already quite a few affordable housing units in the city," Burcroff said.

Other reasons for the denial include the desire to avoid another strain on the public school system because apartment dwellers don't pay traditional property taxes, and the heavy traffic patterns along Ecorse Road.

The planning commission voted to reject the Liberty Hill application on June 18. Frankie said she was under the impression that the commission was taking a "NIMBY" (not in my back yard) attitude, and that the commission "didn't want transients."

Burcroff rejects that notion.

"I would be happy to approve such a project," he said. "I hope (Liberty Hill) can find another parcel of land that is appropriately zoned."

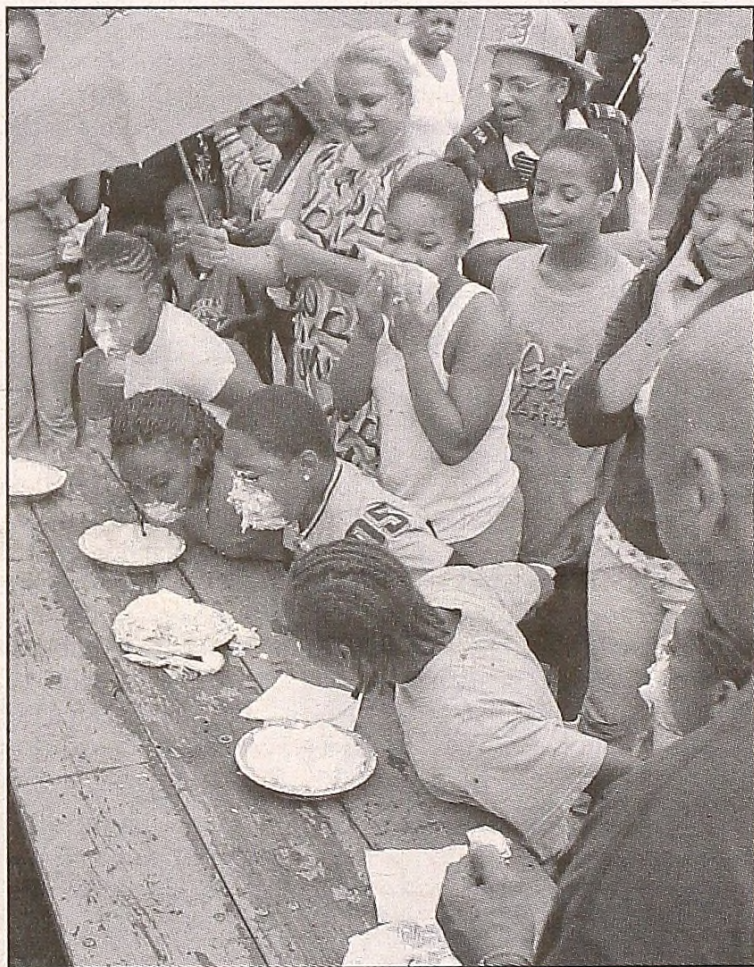
Frankie said she has looked for other parcels of land in the city, but that the Ecorse road lot was the only one that was affordable. The other parcels would have pushed the cost of the apartments past market rate, which goes against the grain of Liberty Hill's central mission of providing low-cost housing.

Mayor Alan Lambert said he had no doubt the project could be approved if another parcel was located.

"I think it's a good project," he said. "I think there are better places for it, though."

Frankie said she has backing from Wayne County, but said the rejection of the proposal stalls the project. She said she's not sure what her next step will be, but said she hopes to find land in Romulus.

Liberty Hill is locally based in the City of Wayne, and has connected individuals with homes in Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Romulus, and other communities.



Eating to victory

Diondre Baker (center contestant) was crowned the winner of a pie-eating contest during Community Youth Day, which is sponsored by St. John's Lodge number 44. The festivities were at the Thomas A. Coleman Center last Saturday, Aug. 25. School aged children were provided free dental check-ups, school supplies, food, refreshments and games.

Magna

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"They purchased the land, and they don't want to put it up for sale," he said.

The track was part of a "racino" concept the vacant land surrounding Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and was a cornerstone to making Romulus an entertainment destination for all of Southeast Michigan. Michigan Downs was to be constructed on a vacant parcel of land near Vining and Wick roads, near Interstate 94. It was to be a companion project to the proposed casino and hotel the city is pursuing with the Hannahville Indian Tribe of Petoskey.

The racino was expected to bring anywhere from \$4 million to \$10 million in revenue to Romulus, and about 3,000 jobs to the city.

But the city has other goals in terms of development, including more housing, retail and other entertainment venues, which could be appropriately sited near the airport, Lambert said.

On the airport land development front, the city has been on a wild ride of announcements. On the same day the news broke about the track, a group of Detroit-based developers announced the likely construction of a sports complex, but would not commit to it being built in Romulus.

Officials are also still waiting for federal approvals to be put into place so construction can begin on a casino and a 200-room hotel.

Lambert said he remains hopeful something will emerge from the dust of the horse-racing track.

"We'll know more, and I'm optimistic," he said. "We'll have to wait and see."

Rain

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had."

Basement flooding, persistent power outages, and street flooding began on Aug. 24 in several surrounding communities, including Taylor, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn after a powerful storm system moved through the area.

It was later learned that a tornado touched ground in Fenton, but heavy rains left several peo-

ple without power, and other sustained water damage when their basements flooded. Freeway flooding also brought traffic to a standstill on area freeways, especially in western Wayne County and Downriver, where interstates 96 and 75 were shut down.

Wilson did say the department was likely to incur some overtime costs to pay for workers who kept watch on the pumps, but said it would not be a huge dollar amount.

"Generally, everything went fine," Wilson said.

'Headhunter' suggested in city manager search

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville officials could decide to extend their search capabilities for a new city manager.

Councilwoman Lori Hecksel suggested Belleville officials hire a headhunter to facilitate the search of a new city manager to replace Walter Mears who was terminated this month.

"We made a mistake and we don't want to make that again," she said. "I think this is something we should truly consider."

Hecksel said she has contacted the Michigan Municipal League (MML), along with other firms. The MML executive search services offer: discussions with elected officials to determine a hiring philosophy; the development of a candidate profile; focus groups if needed; help with a targeted advertising campaigns; development and placement of advertisements; review and screening of all applications; interview assistance, facilitation and preparation; reference checks; contract negotiation assistance and other wrap-up services, according to the literature prepared by the organization.

"The pricing is 10 percent of the final negotiated salary and we're not billed until someone is hired," said Hecksel. "The MML doesn't have a high turn-around on people they recommend to hire."

"They (MML) do offer community involvement for more money, but I don't think we need that," she added. "This takes the politics out and it's better for the community. Initially, it will be an investment and cost for the city, but in the long-run it's better."

Traditionally, Hecksel said, the process takes about 90 days. However, Councilwoman Kerreen Conley said the problem is city officials wanted to execute the city manager search on a timeline, as expediently as possible.

"I'm not sure how they (MML) will fit in with our timeline," she said.

Hecksel said she would found out if the MML had any services to offer at later stages of the hiring process.

Councilmembers also approved a severance package of \$17,199.59 for Mears, the former city manager. The amount includes withholding of \$2,842, which is equal to the unresolved credit card charges on Mears' city credit card. The charges to date include hotel expenses for Mears' trip to Germany for the Aerropolis project.

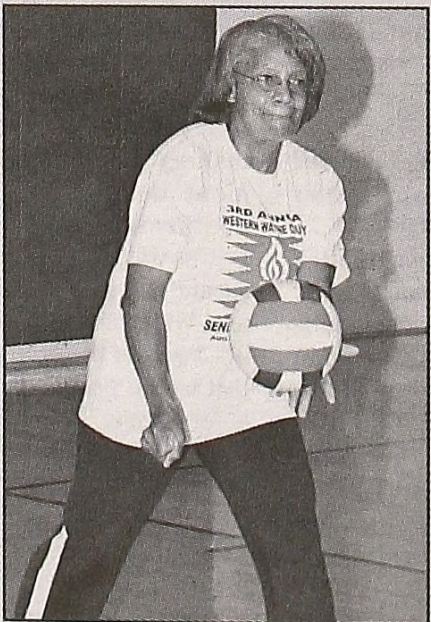
City Clerk/Treasurer Diana Kollmeyer, who is also the acting city manager, said she accessed the credit card account online and looked at all charges incurred on Mears' credit card to ensure the city has been billed for any and all charges made by him. The card has been canceled, Kollmeyer said, and she continues to work with JP Morgan Chase and Chase Commercial to receive copies of the actual signatures on receipts.

Applications for the city manager position will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Sept. 12. The salary starts at \$62,000 plus benefits depending on qualifications and experience. Requirements include a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in public administration, business or related field. It also requires executive, administrative and municipal experience, along with grant writing, budgeting and project management.



Senior Olympics

The Western Wayne County Senior Olympics ended successfully last week with more than 468 participants from 16 different communities. Westland participants won the most medals, with seniors taking more than 70 awards. Other award-winning communities included: Van Buren Township with 20 gold, 10 silver and 13 bronze medals; Belleville with two gold, one silver and three bronze medals and Sumpter Township with two gold medals. Participants this year included Judy Field, Bob Green, Bryce Kelley, Linda Stevenson, Robert Payne and Ken Brooks from Van Buren Township. The host community—Canton Township—will now pass the torch to the City of Westland which will host the Olympics next year.



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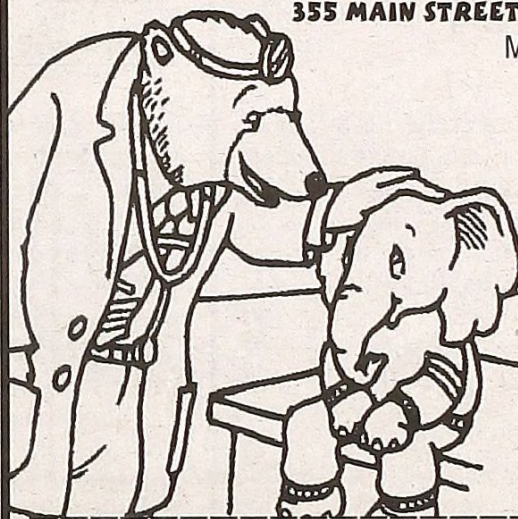
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State Merit Exams show drop in students' scores

Andrea King
Staff Writer

High school juniors in the Van Buren Public School District showed test results well below the state-average, according to the recent results of the Michigan Merit Exam.

The exam, which took place for the first time last spring, replaced the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test. It included the ACT, Work keys and tests in math, science and social studies.

More than 460 juniors at Belleville High School took the test last March. According to Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of the school district, officials weren't surprised by the results.

"It's a different type of test," he said. "It's a very rigorous test designed for college entrance.

It's a process and we're working to pull-up those scores.

Saul Davis

We'll be using our scores as a benchmark."

Only 31 percent of students met or exceeded state standards in math, while 30 percent of students were proficient in writing. Slight increases were seen in science, which showed 44.4 percent of students who met or exceeded state standards and in reading, where about 50 percent of students were proficient. The highest scoring subject was social studies with 82.2 percent of students proficient.

"With our seven hour day and realignment of courses, we expect to see significant gains each year," said Lazaroff. "The areas we know

we want to focus on more are reading and writing by doing more professional development."

Test results also included the 21 students from the Van Buren Alternative Education School. Fifteen students achieved a valid score in reading, writing and science, and they are eligible to retake the exam. Five students did not have valid scores and one student exceeded proficiency, according to Saul Davis, principal of the alternative education school.

"We always hope to do better, but it takes time and many of our students are already struggling," he said. "Many students took the

test seriously and we have a different group of kids here. Some are consistent and some are not. We try to build upon that and sometimes we don't have enough time to make a big difference in that short amount of time given. It's a process and we're working to pull-up those scores."

Composite ACT scores were 17.5 percent at the high school and 13.10 percent at the alternative education school.

The exam also allowed students

the opportunity to earn \$4,000 in Michigan Promise scholarship money, according to officials.

"There were a number of kids who qualify for the scholarship, which is encouraging," said Davis.

"We have many students that want to go more on the trade side, rather than a traditional college," said Lazaroff. "Now, we'll be doing monthly updates to the school board on student achievement. This (merit exam) will certainly be one of the items."

Farm exhibit continues at museum

The "Generation to Generation: A History of Community Farms" exhibit continues at the Belleville Area Museum.

As the rural way of life in the community fades into the past, this exhibit focuses on the farming heritage. It highlights the history of the Budd family—Van Buren Township farmers since 1860—and the Miller family farm

in Sumpter Township.

The exhibit also includes information on the Bemis Road Reynolds farm, which is located in both Van Buren and Sumpter Townships. The Coykendall farm, once known for the floral business operated out of its many greenhouses, is also featured, according to Diane Wilson, director of the museum.

A highlight of the exhibit is a

photographic collection by Belleville resident Keith Bruder, who captures the images of multiple community barns, some existing and some which no longer stand, Wilson said.

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OPINION

A holiday we need

Last week, members of the Legislature in Lansing discussed a unique proposal that would have a positive impact on many families in the state. It's the concept of a tax holiday that would be set up in the week or two that preceded the start of the school year. Under the plan, families would be able to purchase back to school supplies without paying the sales tax on those items.

What a great idea. This concept has been in place in other states, and been well-received there. It would be a boon to families in Michigan, too, particularly those that look forward to the impending school year with a mixture of anticipation and dread—anticipation of seeing old friends, meeting new ones and dread of not being able to afford a new folder, paper or a shiny pen.

Of course, it's a little too late for this to help families this year, which is about on par for our leaders in Lansing. It's strange that they either seem to be too far behind the current trends or so far ahead that they're trying to take credit for things that haven't happened yet, and may never come to fruition.

While all this political back and forth is going on—one side trying to take credit for something, the other trying to discredit them for it—simple legislation like this is lost in the melee.

It's no wonder that local municipalities and school districts have to hang on and plan in a vacuum, wondering what type of foundation allowance they'll receive, of if their previously approved grant funding will ever appear. There's too much talking and not enough action, as usual.

A little like sour grapes

Just when you thought the situation in Belleville couldn't get any weirder, it does.

Last week, City Councilwoman Lori Hecksel filed formal sexual harassment complaints against City Councilman George Chedraue—for things he allegedly said during open meetings directed at former City Manager Walter Mears.

We don't want to make light of the allegations or the charges—these things, if said, were truly inappropriate—but we have to question the timing and the motive behind it.

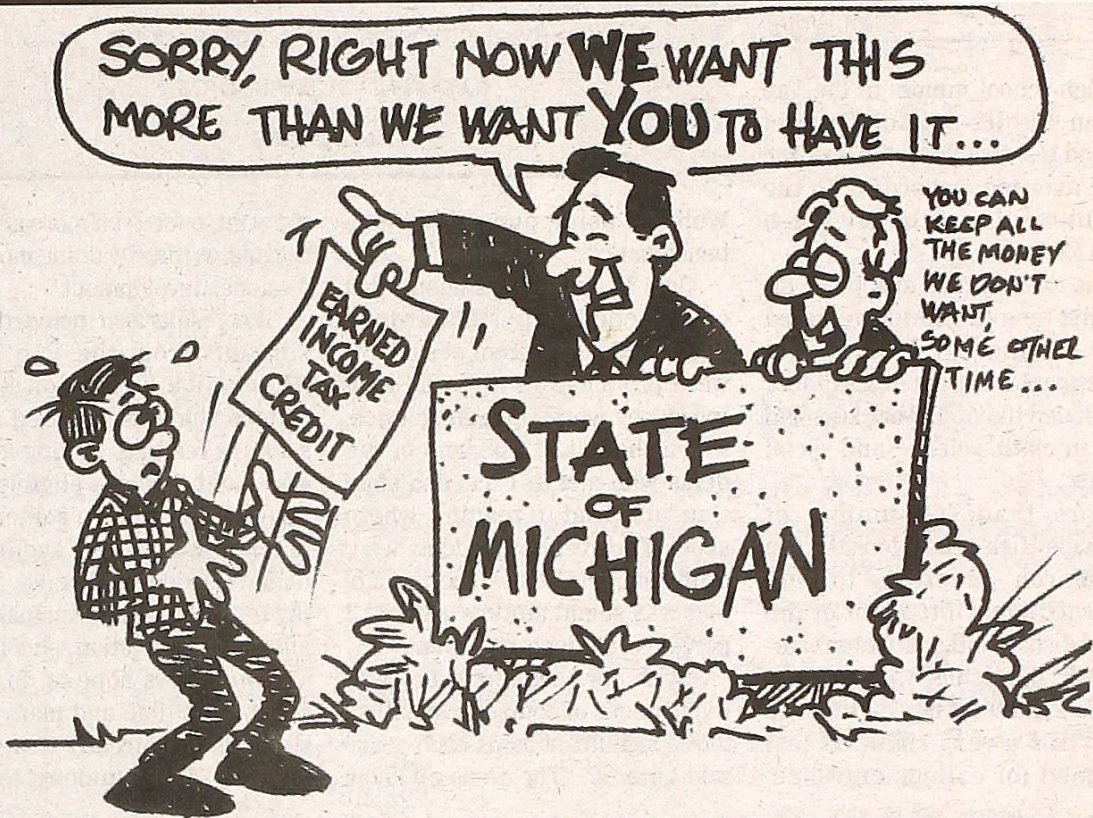
If Mears had been offended by the remarks, it's his obligation to do something about it, and it should have been done at the time.

Now that Mears is no longer in the picture, this sounds more like an attempt at retribution against Chedraue for his role in having the manager—who Hecksel supported to the end—fired.

We're not trying to excuse Chedraue for any inappropriate comments he may have made. He should be reminded that he is a public figure, what he says—particularly in an open, public forum—is a part of the public record and as an elected representative of the city he needs to give his office more respect.

This latest fight, though, is something the city can't afford. The last few months have been tumultuous enough with the way the city manager scenario played out. People are angry, emotions run high and it's time to stop all that. It's time to move forward and heal any rifts that may have been opened. This isn't the time to try to find new ways to pick at the same old scars.

The City of Belleville will get past these bumps in the road, there's no question about that. There are too many people there who care about the community for that not to happen. Any municipality hits a rough stretch every now and then—human nature dictates it will happen. They always bounce back, though, as long as they followed a tried and true course of action: get together, put your differences aside, and make the choices that will best serve the community.



A spiced up Wheelfest event

I played a little joke on Art Quintal on Saturday. In the midst of a crowded tent where more than a dozen cooks tried to get attendees to sample their chili, I crept up behind the Wayne Rotarian.

"Boy, the Parks and Recreation Department did a good job putting this on," I said.

The event—a first for the Wayne Wheelfest—was a joint project between the Wayne Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce and the Parks and Recreation Department, but so far the Rotary hadn't gotten much credit. That was probably my fault, too, since I've been the only one writing about it.

I avoided Quintal's ire, though, and I agree with his assessment: this event was a winner.

First of all, the atmosphere under that tent was redolent with small town charm. The competitors bantered back and forth. They called out to passers-by, they joked with the crowd. They stood behind tables decorated with everything from red white and blue to—perhaps inevitably—campaign stickers.

Mathew Mulholland, one of the candidate/cooks, sported an impressively shiny Elvis toupee and equally large sunglasses as he called out fake Elvis statistics to attract people to the table he and former Councilman Don Hartford shared.

"I basically laughed for four straight hours," Hartford said of the competition.

Councilman Tom Kelly and Bill Hawley were next to them; big grins on their faces.

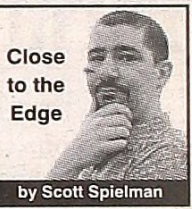
Some of the entrants were first-time cooks, but you wouldn't know that by sampling their product. I helped judge the event—along with George Marvaso from Marvaso's in Westland, John VanStipdonk and Chili Joe and Chef Curtis, food critics from the daily papers.

I have a history in judging these kinds of things, from the Great Lakes Chili Cook-off in Plymouth to the chili-cookoff that's part of the Fire and Ice event in Northville.

Each time, I tell my wife, Lisa, that my services are required—or at least requested—and each time she says the same thing: We'll find something else to do. By that, she doesn't mean during the event, but for the next day or so afterward. Occupational hazard, I guess.

It was a tough choice. Everything was good enough to earn the respect of a professional chili cook—well, except for Hartford's. Even Chili Joe and Chef Curtis were impressed.

The fire department earned top honors for their fiery concoction, but I think the big winner was the community. It just shows how a little creativity and hard work—and seasoning—can help bring a small town to life.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

The talk around the town

Ever since I was in high school, I've wanted to become a professional writer. My love affair with writing started when I was a shy ninth grader who often struggled with voicing my opinion and relating to others. I found strength in writing essays for my high school papers about current affairs, race and religion.

While I focused on trying to get in the NBA and making the school basketball team, my mother and father noticed that I had the ability to write well and encouraged me to write for my high school newspaper. After one year with the school newspaper, I became the editor. Then I went to Oakland University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

These early experiences have prepared me for the job that I have today as the beat reporter for *The Canton Eagle*. I know that many of you are saddened by Kevin Hill's recent departure and I realize that I have big shoes to fill because he is an extremely professional journalist.

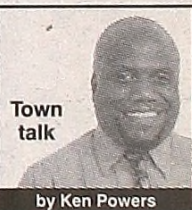
Before Kevin left, he introduced me to Canton by taking me to town landmarks like the Summit Parkway, building where board of trustee meetings take place, Freedom Park and The Village Theatre. Judging from the area's cleanliness and beautiful

landscapes, I can sense that Canton residents take pride in their town.

As a freelance writer for Detroit and Southfield newspapers like *The Michigan Citizen*, *The Michigan Front Page* and the *Southfield Eccentric*, I not only covered the news of the area but I also focused on the people who lived there. I've talked with The Southfield mayor, new entrepreneurs, educators, writers and a Channel 7 anchorman.

Throughout my experiences, I realize that news reporting is incomplete without the comments or opinions of prominent to everyday people who live in a community. Since I've been here at the Eagle, I wrote an article about two heroic Canton residents who received a Citizen's Citation Award at a board of trustee meeting. The residents, Thomas Burton and Darla LaForge, helped keep their city safe by reporting crime instead of ignoring it or blaming law officials. I believe that newspapers must cover these events.

As the beat reporter for Canton, I realize that it is my responsibility to cover the murders, rob-



Town talk

by Ken Powers

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Flying Pilgrims Club to host Fall Phase Out

Kenneth Powers
Staff Writer

The air above a Canton Township field is about to get a little more crowded.

The Flying Pilgrims Radio Control will host their Fall Phase Out at 10 a.m. Sept. 15 and 16 on the corner of Geddes and Ridge roads.

"I am looking forward to the show. It's a great opportunity for people to come out and enjoy themselves," Jim Repp, president of the club said.

The event features giant scale airplanes, which are run by remote control and one fourth the size of real aircraft. Some of the expensive models are capable of speeds of 200 mph. Their "pilots" can make them do many acrobatic tricks.

Repp, an engineer, has been president of The Flying Pilgrims Radio Control Club for nine years. He developed an

I've gone to other clubs and they have a closed membership policy but The Flying Pilgrims always welcome new people.

Hal Hultman

interest in flying airplanes as a child and said that his father, an Air Force pilot, inspired him.

The club also teaches people how to fly and build model airplanes.

Hal Hultman, a club member who has less experience flying model planes, said the club helped him develop his skill.

"I like The Flying Pilgrims because they have free training. I've gone to other clubs and they have a closed membership policy but The Flying Pilgrims always welcome new people. I have made a lot of friends in the club," Hultman said.

During the winter, the club members spend time building model airplanes that they fly in the spring and summer. Hultman said that flying the airplanes is more rewarding.

"Flying planes gives me a sense of freedom. It is relaxing and I like the feeling of being in control," he said.

Repp said that the club provides great opportunities for parents to bond with their children. Jack Kezelian, who occasionally flies planes with his son, Jack Jr, agreed.

"It is great that we have something that we can do

together," Kezelian said.

Hultman also enjoys working with the young people who are in the club.

"This is great for kids because they are quick learners. Some of them learn how to fly planes faster than their fathers. I like to see their expression when they get their first plane off of the ground," he said.

Repp encourages those who attend the event to meet the pilots and ask questions.

"Everyone needs to come out. It's a family friendly event and it gives people an opportunity to come outdoors and enjoy time with their loved ones," he said.

For more information, visit www.flyingpilgrims.com

LETTERS

Story is appreciated

To the editor:

Thank you for your reporting on my grandfather (John Harvey). I didn't get a chance to sit down and speak with you, but I saw you wandering around the memorial.

I am forever grateful for the last few months with him. I always knew that he was a great man, but to see how he affected people outside the family has given me a sense of satisfaction. I am happy that others got to see through the protective layers he always built. I have enjoyed hearing the stories of the things that I didn't even know about... and I

spent a lot of time with him! He was very sneaky in the way he did good deeds... many of them I'm sure we will never even know about.

Anyway, I just wanted to thank you for presenting him to the community. He was very much a behind the scenes person and many people won't even realize all that he did until it doesn't get done. I know that my mother and I have had many conversations about how much Pop loved the city of Wayne and the people within it.

Thank you for showing us that the love was reciprocated.

Laura Palencar

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Talk

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beries, arsons, scams, controversies, landfills and elections. While reporting these eye-opening events, I will make sure that Canton's residents have a voice in all or

most of my articles. As a high school student, I realized that I could change society with the power of the written press. Hopefully, I can inspire the people of Canton to exercise their power while I'm here.

If you have any comments and concerns for me, please send them to my email at klpj7_19@yahoo.com.

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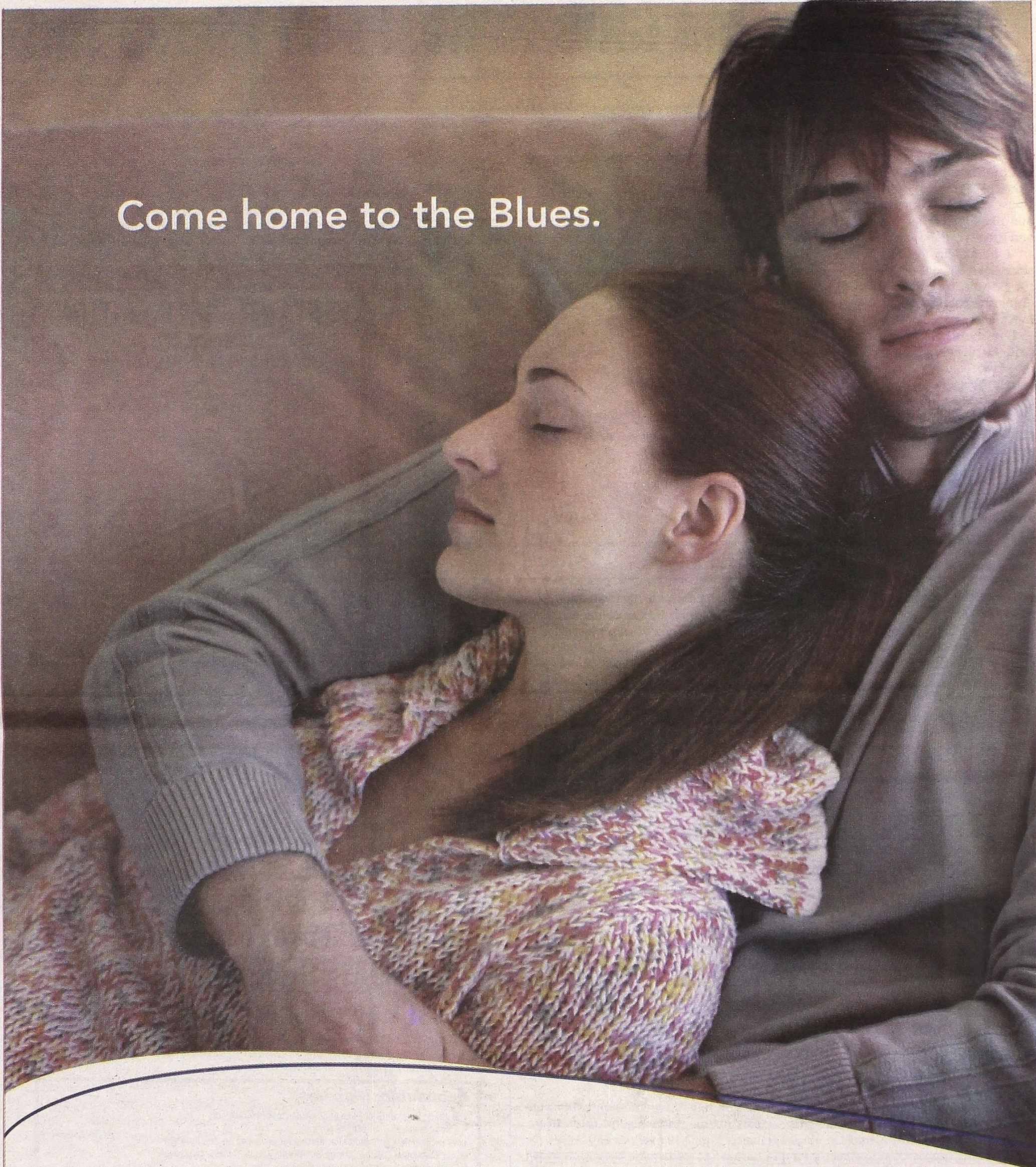
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SPORTS

Guthridge runs over Belleville

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

This weekend marked the big opening day for high school football across the state.

Saturday couldn't have been a bigger day, either, for Terrance Guthridge and the Plymouth Wildcats at Eastern Michigan University Rynearson Stadium as part of the Big Day Prep Showdown III.

The junior running back raced for 154 yards and a touchdown in the Wildcats' 28-6 victory against Belleville.

"He's a special player—a great running back," said Plymouth Coach Mike Sawchuck. "I'm glad he's on my team."

Guthridge's production was no surprise to the first-year head coach. Guthridge scored 30-plus touchdowns last year on the junior varsity squad. On Saturday,

he punched in a score from the 1-yard line to put Plymouth up 21-6 with 1:22 left in the first half.

Plymouth also had a stellar performance from starting quarterback C.J. Gregory. He had 140 yards passing with two touchdowns. Connor McKinney caught the first score from 18-yards out to give Plymouth a 7-0 lead at the 10:39 mark of the first quarter. Senior tight end Ronnie Goble snagged the second one with about 9:53 left in the first half. He eluded two defenders after the catch and ran in for the score on the third-and-12 play. That put Plymouth up, 14-6.

"We have a couple special plays for Ronnie and he's a big target," Sawchuck said. "We decided to go to him in that clutch situation and get him the ball."

Gregory battled it out between two other hopefuls for the posi-



Wildcat Terrance Guthridge ran wild against Belleville on Saturday during the teams' meeting in the Big Day Prep Showdown III. Above, he stiff arms Belleville's Izal Robinson. He had 154 yards and a touchdown.

tion in camp. It came down to the wire, but Gregory got the nod.

"We had three quality guys that were trying out," Sawchuck said. "Any one of them could start. It came down to the last day of practice."

Senior running back Vaquero Tyus rounded out the scoring for Plymouth with 1:22 left in the third.

Kicker Mike Korona was a perfect 3-for-3 with point after attempts, but he missed a 39-yard

field goal at the end of the fourth quarter.

"It feels awesome," Sawchuck said of his first win as head coach.

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Canton's Dalton Walser (36) ran for 76 yards on 17 carries in the Chiefs', 27-7, loss to Toledo Central Catholic on Saturday at the Big Day Prep Showdown at Eastern Michigan University.

Canton loses opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Canton lost its first season-opening football game in nearly 10 years on Saturday.

Out-of-town guests Toledo Central Catholic beat the Chiefs, 27-7, at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium as a part of the two-day, seven-game Big Day Prep Showdown III showcase.

Canton went four-and-out on its first possession, putting the ball in hands of the Toledo

offense, which had yet to prove itself.

One play later the Fighting Irish demonstrated that they were worthy adversaries. On his first play from scrimmage, quarterback Tyler Kleeberger launched a 55-yard missile to wide out Donte Johnson to give Toledo a 7-0 lead at the 10:43 mark.

That didn't stall Canton's running machine offense.

Canton burned up more than six minutes with an 11-play drive that resulted with a 15-yard touchdown run by Jordon

Raiford. Jeff Sanctorum evened the score, 7-7, with the point after at 4:27 of the first quarter.

The rest of the game belonged to Toledo's fullback, Brad Rogers. He rushed for 120 yards on 22 carries with three touchdowns (7, 1, 1) to put the game away.

Raiford finished with 77 yards rushing for Canton. Dalton Walser followed with 76. Dan Wanshon led the defense with nine solo tackles and four assists.

The Chiefs host John Glenn at 4:30 pm today.

Inkster rallies for big win in Ohio

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Inkster Vikings' first step in returning to Ford Field for a state championship bid was a doozie.

Friday night's trip to Warren Harding High in Warren, Ohio was almost as much of a wash out as the weather was.

Harding took an early 14-0 lead off of two Inkster interceptions in the first quarter. After that it was the Vikings' quest as they rallied for five scores to overcome the Raiders, 36-20.

The humid weather was a factor as Inkster senior quarterback Aaron Shavers' pass slipped in and out of his receiver's

hands and into a defender's. The Raiders scored at 9:24 on a quarterback sneak. On the next drive the ball slipped from Shavers' own hands, resulting in his second—and last—interception of the game. Again the Raiders capitalized to make it a 14-0 Harding advantage at 4:08 of the first quarter.

"It was deja vu—like being at Ford Field again when we went were down two quick touchdowns," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "We faced adversity and the kids fought back. They even-

tually settled down and showed composure."

Despite the fireworks, the exploding cannons, 8,000 screaming fans and countless other distractions on a foreign field, things did settle down.

Shavers found his rhythm when he connected with Derrick Coker for a five-yard score to end an eight-play drive. Coker mishandled the snap on the extra point attempt but picked it up and ran it in for a two-point conversion, making it a 14-8 ball game.

Shavers opened up the second frame with a one-yard sneak into the end zone at 10:09. The extra point was blocked but the score was knotted at 14.

Inkster pulled ahead when senior flanker Renty Rollins snagged a 16-yard pass between two defenders in the end zone at 6:41 of the second. Shavers ran in the two-point conversion to give the Vikings a 22-14 advantage.

After the intermission, Inkster marched down field on a nine-play drive that ended with a three-yard touchdown run by Denzel Richmond at 4:36 of the third. The conversion failed, but Inkster went ahead, 28-14.

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SPORTS

Eagles fall in season home opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Romulus didn't get the season off on the right foot.

The Eagle football team fell, 28-7, to Southgate Anderson High School on Friday night in team's season and home opener.

After an hour rain delay, the Titans showed that they weren't tired of waiting. In the second quarter, Southgate got on the board first with a quarterback sneak to make it 7-0.

Romulus answered with a 50-yard touchdown pass from Ondre Mathews to Justin Price. The score capped off a six-play drive and knotted the score, 7-7.

Southgate took advantage of Romulus mistakes, including an interception in the end zone that the Titans eventually scored on.

With out standout running back Mario Crawford in the lineup, senior Jeff Williams got the bulk of the carries. He finished with 47 yards on nine carries.

Mathews was 3-for-11 for 67 yards with a score and three interceptions. Price was the leading receiver with two catches for

54 yards and the lone score.

"I'm not disappointed in effort in how we played," said Romulus Coach Matt Ladach. "We went into thinking it was evenly matched and knew which ever team that got the breaks would come away with it. If you throw three interceptions you're asking for trouble."

Defensively, Jeff Williams led the team with nine tackles. Larry Nastal and Steve Sanders each had seven. Price broke up two big pass plays, according to Ladach.

"I challenged the boys to play from the snap to the echo of the whistle and they did that," Ladach said. "I just have to do a better job and make sure they stay focused."

Romulus heads to Garden City at 7 p.m. today due to the holiday weekend.

"They move the ball well," Ladach said of the Cougars. "They do some good things, but weren't able to protect the ball and gave up some turnovers. The defense gave up some big plays. I think they think that we are a team that they can beat. I think we have to go in there and get it done."



Belleville receiver Anthony Roberts made a spectacular diving catch, snagging the Tigers only touchdown against Plymouth on Saturday.

Big Day

FROM PAGE 9

The Tigers had some bright spots, like Anthony Roberts' diving 18-yard touchdown catch from Rod Barksdale in the corner of the end zone at 9:53 of the second. The score narrowed the gap, 7-6.

Belleville also had good production from running backs Kierre' Daniels and Jason

Johnston as well as Roger Roper at linebacker and Warren Eakes at offensive tackle and defensive end.

Belleville Coach Bob La Pointe said he hoped for a little more from his Tigers.

"We're disappointed," he said. "We're young and inexperienced and I think that showed today. I thought that it would be a much closer game than what it was. We moved the ball well at times but just couldn't do consistently what we

needed to do."

Belleville struggled early, giving up three turnovers in the first half that led to Plymouth's 21-6 half-time lead.

"Those types of things set the tone for us," La Pointe said.

Belleville hosts Dearborn at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Plymouth hosts cross-campus rival Salem at 7:30 pm today in the second game of a doubleheader. Canton hosts John Glenn in the early game at 4:30 pm.

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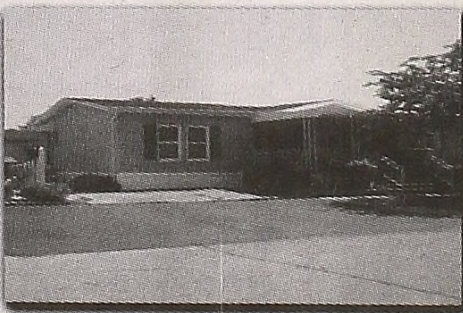
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Glenn edges Wayne, 1-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Ole! Ole!

That was the chant of the John Glenn varsity soccer team after they defeated cross-town rival and host Wayne Memorial, 1-0, on Wednesday afternoon.

Under the guidance of new coaches Reavis Olive, Hossum "Jimmy" Mortada and Brian Tomlinson, the Rockets earned their first win of the season. And what a win it was.

Not too many high-profile rivalry games are scheduled during the first week—let alone the second game—of the year, but both teams played like it was for more than bragging rights.

It was a slow start for both teams as they struggled in the 90-degree heat.

Glenn's Paul Estrada scored the lone goal in the tenth minute for the Rockets.

"We're so happy," Mortada said. "There's nothing better than this. The boys are starting to learn the importance of teamwork and are playing a nice style of soccer. They are improving and getting better and better."

Despite the one goal against, Wayne goalkeeper Aaron Nielson was stellar in net. He stopped the Rockets on several breakaways, corner kicks and anything else they

could throw at him.

"Everything they had he had an answer for," said Wayne Coach Evan Baker. "He just came up huge every single time. That was enormous. I couldn't have asked anything better from him."

Wayne really put the pressure on Glenn in the final 12 minutes of the game but opposing goalie Zach Redden denied them goals and recorded the shutout. Wayne's Alex Ball had the best opportunity, but the ball caromed off the cross bar.

"I was really proud of them for not quitting and playing all the way to the end of the game," Baker said of the final push by his players. "We have some problems with composure going into the box and finishing so there are some things that need to be worked on. From a defensive standpoint we did well—just allowing them the one goal."

Estrada had another opportunity with about 15:25 left on the clock, but Nielson deprived of him of a second goal.

"We just hope to get better and better," Mortada said. "We have a lot more plans—we're just getting started."

Glenn is at Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and host Walled Lake Northern at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Wayne hosts Northville at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. They head to Canton at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.



Glenn's David Kalvelage (2) battles Wayne's Alex Ball for possession last Wednesday in the cross-town rivalry match. Glenn won the game, 1-0.



Paul Estrada (3) scored the Rockets' lone goal for the win last week. Above, he tries to outrace Wayne's Luyly Mendoza.

Vikings

FROM PAGE 9

Shavers found Rollins again for a 16-yard score at 9:48 of the fourth. Richmond found the end zone for two points and a 36-14 lead.

Harding scored about midway through the final stanza to narrow the gap, 36-20.

Shavers finished the night with 201 yards rushing on 16 carries and 106 yards through the air on seven completions.

Rollins finished with 75 yards and two scores on three receptions.

Although the offense put points on the board for Inkster it was the defense that held Harding off of it for most of the game.

"As a group the defense played well as a team," Carter said. "The offense put the defense in some difficult situations, but they played through it."

The Vikings head to River Rouge at 7 p.m. today.

"We really don't know anything about them," Carter said. "It's a short week so we'll cover all of the bases."

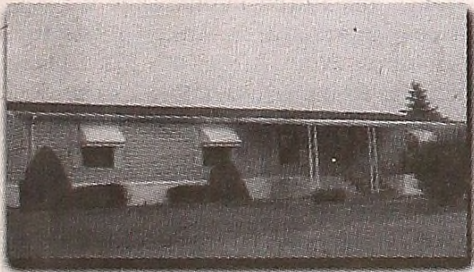
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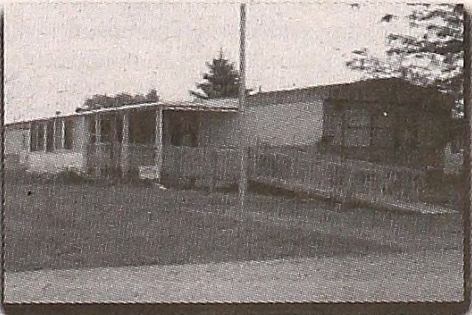
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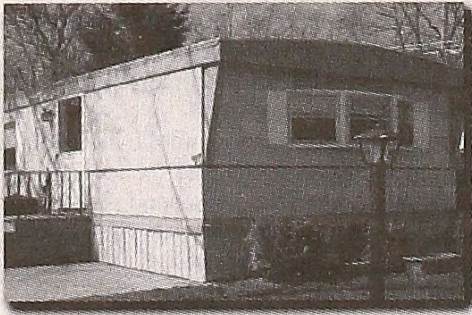
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2007

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart and Trustee Jahr. Absent and excused: Trustee Rochowiak. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, DPW Director Knepper, Chief Nicholai, Captain Brooks, Captain Laurain, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-four (34).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Payne moved, Jahr seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment on establishing Industrial Development District #19. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Executive Assistant Ireland for an explanation. Executive Assistant Ireland stated the request is for the Board to establish Industrial Development District #19 located at Hannan Road and Huron River Drive. The applicant, Wellington Industries is expanding their operation and purchasing a 2000 ton stamping press. The request is for personal property only. Wellington Industries took over a project by a West Virginia competitor to produce the GMX386 product for the automotive industry. The applicant completed the Van Buren Township Tax Abatement Application and after Township review Wellington Industries qualifies for a seven year tax abatement for the purchase of a \$3,432,320 stamping press. This project would bring 52 new jobs to Van Buren Township and Wellington Industries currently employ 115 employees. Wellington Industries representative, Mr. Flack gave a brief description of the 60 million dollar contract for the GMX386 Malibu project stating this project is General Motors solution for rising fuel prices. Wellington Industries had to make a decision between the Georgia facility and the Michigan facility. The Michigan facility was capable of handling the project and Michigan has the technically skilled employees. Wellington is spending 3.4 million dollars including a stamping press and an automated transfer system that will robotically carry the project through the press. The 52 jobs will range in pay from \$12/hour for unskilled labor \$35/hour for skilled labor and/or professional employees including engineers, robotics techs, operators and assembly workers. The GMX386 project will use approximately 40 percent of the press allowing an additional 60 percent for other business. Supervisor King stated this public hearing is for the creating the Industrial Development District and is a prerequisite to considering the tax abatement. The second public hearing is for the seven year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate more commonly known as a tax abatement. Supervisor King further reiterated this request is for personal property only and not for real property such as land and buildings. Van Buren Township currently has four tax abatements. Trustee Hart stated the extra capacity could be used for non-automotives contracts. Wellington Industries currently have contracts with Whirlpool, Donaldson and Blue Bird.

No comments from the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Hart moved, Clair seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment on request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Wellington Industries. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing stating the Resolution for a seven year tax abatement is the result of Van Buren Township Tax Abatement Application completed by the applicant and is scored on a point system. Supervisor King reviewed several of the questions and points awarded were 67 out of 100 possible. The guidelines state scores between 65 and 69 points qualify for a seven year tax abatement. The second component is the agreement which the Public Act requires and the agreement sets forth milestones for the project that Wellington Industries must achieve to keep the seven year tax abatement if the Board grants approval. There are target dates in the agreement and the first is December 30, 2008. If target dates are not met there are opportunities for the Township to address these items with Wellington Industries. The most severe penalty is revocation of the tax abatement. Trustee Clair stated Wellington currently has no tax abatement with the Township and this tax abatement is only for fifty percent of the personal property on the new press. Executive Assistant Ireland further clarified the tax rates exempted by the tax abatement.

A resident inquired if this is injection modeling and how are the tool and die affected by the tax abatement. Mr. Flack stated the press is metal stamping and the tool and die are owned by the customer and not part of the tax abatement. A second resident inquired if the 52 jobs are predicated on 100 percent usage of the press. Mr. Flack stated the 52 jobs are for the 40 percent usage of the press and if the press is fully utilized there will be additional jobs. Some of the jobs are for support of the press not just the project. A third resident inquired what is the dollar amount being abated and have you [Wellington Industries] already hired the 52 employees. Executive Assistant Ireland stated the total amount being abated over the seven years is \$161,000. Mr. Flack stated the 52 jobs have not been filled since the project does not start until January 2008. A fourth resident stated under the current economic conditions of the state and township the abatement should not be issued. Trustee Hart stated some of the ancillary work has been began on the project which would mean employees have been added for this work. Mr. Flack stated yes, there are some skilled trades, engineering, programmers and management employees that have already started to work at Wellington Industries on this project as part of the 52 new employees and Wellington Industries will start to hire the remaining over the next three to four months. A fifth resident inquired what chemical or air quality would Van Buren Township be at risk for if any. Mr. Flack requested to refer to the application and Supervisor King reviewed the application portion and there were no environmental issues. Further, Mr. Flack stated Wellington Industries is closely monitored by Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) and Wellington Industries is in environmental compliance.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of July 16, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2007 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Director Champagne and Chief Nicholai introduced and welcomed the four new volunteer Public Safety Chaplains. Pastor Allen Campbell of the Belleville Church of God, Deacon Peter Cornell of Saint Anthony's Church, Father John Hagen of Trinity Episcopal Church and Pastor Jim Richter of Open Arms Lutheran Church.

Supervisor King read two proclamations honoring former Van Buren Township fire fighter Ricky Allen LaPensee who was killed during the University of Michigan medical flight plane crash that occurred on Monday June 4, 2007. The first proclamation on behalf of the Wayne County Executive, Robert Ficano and the second on behalf of Van Buren Township were presented to the family of Ricky LaPensee. In addition, the President of the Yankee Air Force Museum stated Ricky LaPensee was honored during the recent Thunder Over Michigan Air Show and presented his family with a signed photograph by the Navy Blue Angels.

An email expressing thanks to Director Ross and his staff for their assistance during Liz Swims activity at Van Buren Park.

The Third Edition of the book Water Under the Bridge written by Cathy Horste, Van Buren Township Historian and Diane Wilson, Van Buren Township Museum Director are available by pre-ordering and reserving a copy. Forms are available in the Clerk's Office and the Belleville Area Museum.

A communication from the Downriver Community Conference stating a partnership with the Senior Alliance for a transportation program to provide non-emergency medical transportation for seniors aged sixty and older. Eligibility is prioritized based on need and seniors residing in the thirty-four communities in the Senior Alliance service area. This service is for a limited time and reservations are required for more information contact the Downriver Community Conference at 734.362.7029.

Director Champagne stated the emergency personal of Van Buren Public Safety Department would like to thank all of the citizens, businesses and clergy who participated in the effort toward the successful Public Safety millage election. Director Champagne personally thanked all the new friends, Van Buren Township employees and elected officials who all worked as a team with the citizens toward this accomplishment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-34 establishing an Industrial Development District #19. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-35 authorizing an Industrial Exemption Certificate for Wellington Industries and authorizing Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 236 Union Contract effective from October 8, 2005 through October 7, 2009. Carried.

Payne moved, Clair seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-36 in opposition to House Bill 4780, Township Services Consolidation Act. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-37 the 2007 Tax Rate Request. Carried.

Clair moved, Payne seconded to approve the reappointments of: David Brownlee, Norman DeBuck and Tony Gibson to the Environmental Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2010; Leonard Armstrong, Van Buren Public School District Representative Peter Lazaroff, Jr. and Visteon Representative Mike Collins to the Local Development Finance Authority with terms to expire August 12, 2011; Thomas Koscielny and Carol Thompson to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2010; April Ruot and Robert Thorne to the Public Safety Committee with terms to expire July 30, 2009. Carried.

Clair moved, Hart seconded to approve the Treasurer's request to extend without penalty the collection of the 2007 summer taxes through Friday, September 28, 2007. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the August 21, 2007 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the July 2007 Public Safety Report and the June 2007 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Payne stated the Clerk's Office is looking for election inspectors. Also, the Clerk's Office is beginning the process of re-arranging precinct by redistricting to better distribute the voting population through out the township and lastly there will be a Wayne County Community College Election held on November 6, 2007.

Trustee Clair stated a group of citizens guided by the Huron River Watershed Council is looking at Griggs Drain and collecting water samples to further assess the water flowing into the Huron River and are looking for additional residents particularly those who live west of Sumpter Road.

Director Ross announced he received a telephone call from the Wayne County Mental Health Department notifying the Township of a \$2,000 grant for the Youth Get Up and Get Active Program. Also, on Friday, August 24th "Taking it to the Streets" a free recreational event from noon – 4:00 p.m. at Tyler Elementary School and this program is funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. For

Critical condition

Red Cross seeks blood donors during shortage

As Labor Day vacations approach, the staff at the American Red Cross is hoping residents will help alleviate serious blood shortage concerns.

According to Martha Roemer Kurtz, spokesperson for the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region, Labor Day is traditionally a time of concern as the number of donors decrease as busy residents exchange their usual donation time with vacations and back-to-school to-do lists. Along with a decreased number of mobile blood drives in the summer, Kurtz said that the low donor turnout has once again placed the blood supply in critical condition.

“Our supplies are still way down,” she said. “We’re still at a dangerously low level for three blood types.”

As of Monday, she said that both O positive and O negative blood were scarce and only about a “2-hour supply” of A negative

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We need any type—we need anybody who can to donate.

Martha Roemer Kurtz

blood was available. Even A positive blood, traditionally one of the most readily available types, had dropped to a 35-hour supply.

The bottom line, Kurtz said, is that the American Red Cross needs help.

“We need any type—we need anybody who can to donate,” she said. “As of last week, we were filling hospital orders but we weren’t filling them completely.”

Although branches of the American Red Cross operate throughout the country, the lack of availability isn’t just a local problem. As other areas scramble to meet the needs of their

own communities, Kurtz said that the diminished supplies means that “the chance to import is diminished.”

It’s a situation that could easily be overtaken by even relatively common events, such as a major car accident or an increased number of emergency surgeries, she said.

“We have to have the blood on the shelves before it’s needed,” said Kurtz. “Without blood donors, we simply won’t be able to keep up with the blood demands.”

It’s not enough, she said, for well-meaning citizens to roll up

their sleeves to donate in the wake of a tragedy because it can take up to two days to process and test donated blood and by then it may be too late.

Individuals who donate by Sept. 5 will also have the opportunity to register for a free two-year lease on a Lincoln MKX from Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury.

To be eligible to donate blood, an individual must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years old.

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11:00, 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:35 FRI/SAT LS 11:50
WAR (R)
11:55, 2:15, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15 FRI/SAT LS 11:35
NANNY DIARIES (PG-13)
11:35, 2:00, 4:25, 6:50, 9:20 FRI/SAT LS 11:40
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:25 FRI/SAT LS 11:40
UNDERDOG (PG) 11:05, 1:05, 3:05, 5:05
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Area donation sites

Residents interested in donating blood won't need to venture too far from home to do so as area businesses and organizations host mobile donor events. A complete list of donations sites is available online at www.semredcross.org, but here are a few upcoming drives in this area.

Today
Noon until 6 p.m. at Romulus High School, located at 9650 Wayne Road in Romulus.

2-8 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 11575 Belleville Road in Belleville.

2-8 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, located at 5885 Venoy Road in Westland.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Special Tree Rehab, located at 39000 Chase Road in Romulus.

Friday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Library, located at 223 South Main St. in Plymouth.

Noon to 6 p.m. at Busch's Market, located at 15185 Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

Sept. 4
1:30-7:30 p.m. at the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, located at 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville

Sept. 7
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sysco Food Service Co., located at 41600 Van Born Road in Canton.

Sept. 15
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kirk of Our Savior Church, located at 36660 Cherry Hill Road in Westland.

Sept. 16
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, located at 2 Towne Square in Wayne.

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additional information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident voice his concerns regarding a dead deer in the road right of way and the delay in the township response and would like the Township take care of stray cats.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Publish: August 30, 2007

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 7:30 PM to consider the following:

Adoption of a proposed “South Side” amendment to the Master Plan of the Charter Township of Van Buren focusing on lands located south of Belleville Lake.

A complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review at the Township Department of Developmental Services Office. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with disability should fee free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: August 30, 2007
Publish: August 30, 2007
September 20, 2007

REQUEST FOR BIDS Bid Number 07-08-05
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ONE (1) NEW CURRENT MODEL AUTOMATED BRINE MAKER AND STORAGE TANK

Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City of Wayne. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184 or on-line at the “Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network” web site: www.MITN.info/.

Enclose bid in a sealed envelope marked “Automated Brine Maker” and deliver to the City Clerk, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184.

Bids must be submitted by Wednesday September 5, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. Bids will be publicly opened and read by the City Clerk or her designee, at City Hall on Wednesday September 5, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.

The Wayne City Council and the Romulus City Council reserve the right to accept or reject, completely or in part any or all bids and to waive any irregularity in the best interest of the City of Wayne and the City of Romulus.

If there are questions regarding these specifications, please contact Tom MacDonald, City of Wayne Assistant DPW Director at (734) 721-8600.

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1. Obituaries

BURGESS, Ramey, August 23, 2007 age 75 of Romulus. Dear father of Gail (David) Sutherland, Terry Tusset, Jane (Jeff) Papineau and Jim Brown. Grandfather of Robyn Valdez, Matthew Wooten, Alecia Blevins, Timothy Wrobel, Karen Solgot, Candace Papineau, Aimee Papineau, Melissa Tusset, Rebecca Tusset, Jeremy Helbig, Jennifer Brown and John Brown. Great Grandfather of Preston Wrobel, Ramey Medrano, Karley Valdez, Andrea Wooten, Makenna Blevins, Brittany Diegal, Bailey Tusset and Brooklyn Brown. Brother of Leon, Johnny, Horace, Frank and the late Harvey, Helen Ferrara, Charles and Howard. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, MI, with interment at Romulus Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Uht Funeral Home.



GLAZE, Carl Irving, age 76, died August 12, 2007. He was born May 29, 1931. Preceding Carl's home going was his mother, Willie Lee, father, Isaiah, Sr. and brother, Isaiah, Jr. (Christine). He has six surviving siblings: Calvin of Detroit, MI, Harvey (Willie) of Ann Arbor, MI, Shirley Swait (James) of Canton, MI, Richard (Lillian) of Willis, MI, Bertina Bates of Brook Park, OH and James (Charlene) of Milan, MI.; mother-in-law, Mrs. Susie Campbell of Detroit, MI; three sisters-in-law, Cathy Campbell, Esterlita Campbell and Lena Pearl Teagarden of Detroit, MI; plus a host of extended family, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives, friends and loved ones. Services were held at Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. Arthur Willis officiating. Interment was at Metropolitan Memorial Park, Willis, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

MEZGEC, Randy D., age 52, August 27, 2007. Dear brother of Gary (Linda). He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Grace; and brother Craig. Arrangements by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City.



MOORE, Harry F., age 61, died August 10, 2007. He was born October 29, 1945. Harry leaves to cherish his memories his siblings, Mr. Jake Moore Jr. (Francis) of Hamden Ct., Mr. Johnny Moore and Mr. Raymond Moore (Brenda) of New Haven, CT, Ms. Marie Moore of Manassas, VA and Ms. Rhonda Moore of Charlotte, NC; dear aunt Ms. Margaret Williams and dear cousin Ms. Ruby Kirkland, both of Detroit, MI; and a good friend, Mr. Clayton Doucet of Inkster, MI. Harry also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, as well as other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his mother Carrie B. Moore and father Oscar Woodard, his sister Phyllis A. Graham and brother Albert S. Moore. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Greg Harris officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Cemetery, Canton, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

NOWLIN, Dolores F, age 77 of Romulus, passed August 20, 2007. She is survived by several cousins within the area. She was preceded in passing by her Mother Helena M. (Maciejewski) Ford. Mass was held at St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI on Sat. August 25, 2007 with Father John Hedges officiating. Entombment Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangement by Crane Funeral Home Romulus, Michigan www.cranefuneralhome.net



SMITH, George Washington, age 86, died August 10, 2007. He was born November 6, 1920. George leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife, Essie Smith; daughter, Bernice Fluker of Wayne, MI; granddaughter, Julieanne Muir of Ann Arbor, MI; a special great grandson, Jonathon Muir-Cotton of Ann Arbor, MI; and godson, Jason Tyus of Inkster, MI. He also leaves one brother, Willie Smith (Maggie) and four sisters,

Jessie Maude Harris, Sally Mae Stoudemire, Julia Bell Lewis and Curtistean Cromer (George); a special niece, Catherine Hurst and nephew Kelvin Hurst; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relative and friends. Services were held at Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Westland, MI with Rev. Kenneth C. Pierce officiating. Interment was at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

2. In Memoriam



Richard Terry Sutton III 10/3/71 - 8/27/05 "We Love You and Miss You Everyday" Love Lives On Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on. And cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be apart, far as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart -Author Unknown-

4. Monuments & Cemetery Lots

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30. Help Wanted

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6. Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO: 07 CvD 2330

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THOMAS STEFAN SIDEN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEANN ANTOINETTE SIDEN,

Defendant.

TO: DEANN ANTOINETTE SIDEN Last Known Address: P.O. Box 974 Inkster, MI 48141

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action on May 24, 2007. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Judgment of Absolute Divorce.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the first date of this publication, said first date being August 30, 2007, and upon your failure to so act, the Plaintiff herein will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for.

-This the 30th day of August, 2007.

J. ALBERT CLYBURN Attorney for Plaintiff 502 Market Street Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 (910) 202-1077 NC State Bar No: 17360

PUBLISH: August 30, 2007 September 6, 2007 September 13, 2007

DEPUTY CLERK 29th District Court, seeks Deputy Clerk. Musty have 1 year computer & general office experience, preferably in a court setting. Performs data entry, case precessing and a variety of complex clerical tasks. Starting salary \$28,113. Application available at the 29th District Court or at: www.ci.wayne.mi.us Send application and resume by September 28, 2007 to: 29th District Court Attention: Linda Gable 34808 Sims Wayne, MI 48184

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34. Specialized Services

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40. Business Opportunity

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59. Auctions

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